# **Mississinewa AP Extension Program**

## Mississinewa High School is Making it Happen!



#### **WE ARE**

Mississinewa High School is located in Gas City, IN and serves approximately 820 students.

#### **OUR STUDENTS & FAMILIES**

Mississinewa High School's student population is diverse with many ethnicities including African American, Asian/Pacific Islander, Hispanic, American Indian and Multiracial students. Our poverty rate is 66%.

#### **OUR TEACHERS**

Mississinewa AP teachers need to complete 40 hours of professional development from a combination of the following categories:

- External Professional Development
- Internal Professional Development
- Online Professional Development

#### **OUR PROMISING PRACTICE**

Mississinewa Advanced Placement Program (MAPP) is an extension of the Advanced Placement Training and Incentive Program for Indiana (AP-TIPIN), in partnership with The National Math and Science Initiative (NMSI). The goal is to expand on the expert teaching of College Board Advanced Placement (AP) courses to make significantly more public high school students better prepared for college and prepared for careers in the workforce in the future. Our participation in the AP-TIP IN and MAPP has brought on a stronger sense of accountability that is shared throughout the entire teaching staff, improved study skills expectations for our students, and a fresh spirit of accomplishment for everyone at Mississinewa High School.

### **OUR STEPS**

The goals of MAPP are as follows:

- Increase student motivation
- Increase student participation in AP courses
- Increase student qualifying scores on AP exams
- Reward dedication
- Provide college and career readiness
- Increase parental involvement

These goals are accomplished by:

- Saturday study sessions
- AP @ the TP Mid-Week Study Sessions
- Ongoing Teacher Professional Development
- Mock Exams

#### **IN OUR OWN WORDS**

Mississinewa teachers are dedicated to our students. This grant permits us to provide incentives for students, tutoring resources, and presenters for Saturday sessions. It also allows teachers to feel like they are supported, and it allows students to feel support from people other than the classroom teacher and school administrators. Students enjoy learning from teachers across the state because these presenters validate what the students' classroom teachers say on a daily basis. Many times these teachers present similar information in a different way, thus reaching many more students and facilitating greater program success. This is team teaching at its finest! The MAPP encourages Mississinewa students to become better writers, thinkers, and learners; and this challenge makes our students more successful and better prepared for college and the workforce.